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SUBJECT: THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDORSES SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF YUGOSLAV AND RWANDAN TRIBUNAL JUDGES

REF: A. A. SECSTATE 69805

¶B. B. USUN 00664

¶11. On September 9, the General Assembly (GA), by two oral decisions, endorsed the recommendations of the Secretary-General that were previously endorsed by the Security Council in its resolutions 1877 and 1878 (reported in reference B). The GA's decisions endorsing the Security Council resolutions authorize the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) to extend the terms of some of their judges until 2010.

¶12. One decision also authorizes the ICTY to raise the number of ad litem judges above the limit of 12 to 13 at any one time and returning to a maximum of 12 by 31 December 2009. The other decision also authorizes the ICTR to allow two of its judges to work part time.

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